THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFPARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The paid up capital of Monopoly Houses increased from Rs. 1788 crores in the year 1979 to Rs. 2880 crores in the year 1984 during the Sixth Plan period and further to Rs. 4856 crores in the 1989-90, during the Seventh Plan period.

[*English*]

Excise Duty Realisation Target for 1991-92

397. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target for realisation of excise duty for 1991-92 has been raised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The budget estimate for central excise duty collection during 1991-92 has not been raised. However, to improve the resource position of the Government, the field formations have been requested to intensify their efforts and target these collection at an additional amount of about 5% or Rs. 1317 crores over the budget estimates through better tax administration.

Transfer Policy on High Court Judges

398. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a renewed demand for adopting an imperative transfer policy on High Court Judges; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The Government have accepted as a policy, recommendations of the Law Commission, in its 80th Report, that there should be a convention according to which 1/3rd of Judges in each High Court should be from any other State. The Government decided that this may be implemented either by making initial appointments from outside or by effecting transfers. A beginning in this direction has been made by adopting the policy of having Chief Justices of High Courts from outside. Few initial appointments of puisne Judges from one High Courts have also been made and transfers of some judges from one High Court to another have also been made after adopting the policy.

The Government adheres to this policy

Contract for Storing Containers at Nhava Sheva Port

399. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister or SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for storing containers at Nhava Sheva Port was awarded to the Central Warehousing Corporation:

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that it was sub-contracted by them to a private party;

(c) whether it was done with the approval of the Government;

(d) if so, the the terms and conditions on which the sub-contract was given; and

(e) if not, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A contract for operating and managing container feright station was given by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (Nhava Sheva) to Central Warehousing Corporation.

(b) Government is aware that part of the operations like the operation of equipment for movement and stuffing and destuffing of containers was sub-contracted by the Central Warehousing Corporation to a Private Party.

(c) to (e). The sub-contract between the Central Warehousing Corporation and the Prifvate Party did not have the approval of the Government. However, the main contract between Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and the Central Warehousing Corporation having a clause for sub-contracting was approved by the Government.

Customs Duty and Excise Duty Evasion and FERA Violation Cases

400. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Customs duty and excise duty evasion and violation of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 detected during 1989, 1990 and 1991 so far;

(b) the amount involved separately in customs duty; excise duty and FERA cases, yearwise;

(c) the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check such cases in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Closed Textile Mills

401 SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of textile mills closed during the last fifteen years and the number of labourers affected as a result thereof, State-wise;

(b) the efforts made so far by Government for restarting the closed mills; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure non-closure of textile mills in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Statement-I is attached. Statewise break-up from 1981-82 is in Statement-II

(b) The Govt. has created a Nodal Agency with IDBI to evolve and manage rehabilitation package for viable textile mills. The Govt. has also established a Board for industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to take remedial and corrective measures in respect of closed textile units.